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5. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, characterized in that at least one of said press surfaces (108, 112) is provided on a rotatable embossing roll.

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6. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the second fabric patterning members (113, 113') are provided on a single point deforming means programmed for generating said deformation in a chosen configuration across at least one of said surfaces of said fluid-pervious fabric contacting said support.

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10. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, characterized in that the support comprises a heating zone in which said fluid is added for heating said fabric and creating said forming pressure.

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11. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, characterized in that the support comprises a cooling zone subsequent to said heating zone.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, characterized in that the fluid-pervious fabric is heated with heated air before said deformation in the Z-direction, and that the fluid-pervious fabric thereafter is cooled down with cooled air in order to render said deformation permanent.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, characterized in that the support is a rotatable, cylindrical roll.

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14. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, characterized in that the support comprises a sintered metallic material or a metal wire.

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17. (Amended) A fluid-pervious fabric according to claim 15, characterized in that the fluid-pervous fabric (401) exhibits said deformation in a chosen configuration across at least one of said surfaces (404, 405).

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20. (Amended) A patterned fibre web according to claim 18, characterized in that the fibre web (503) has been wet-formed or foam-formed.

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21. (Amended) A patterned fibre web according to claim 18, characterized in that the fibre web has been air-laid.

22. (Amended) A patterned fibre web according to claim 18, characterized in that the fibre web has been hydraulically apertured or entangled.

23. (Amended) A patterned fibre web according to claim 18, characterized in that the fibre web has been through-air dried (TAD).

24. (Amended) A patterned fibre web according to claim 18, characterized in that the patterns (502, 502', 502'') in the fibre web (503) has been created by means of

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forming and/or patterning/aperturing on, and/or drying or shaping in contact with at least one fluid-pervious fabric (401) according to claim 15.

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